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Hi Vince and Kate --

I know there's a lot going on in the energy space now at DOI and I want to make sure we are accurately capturing it.

Attached please find our attempt at a "DOI Accomplishments" list for the first 6 months of the admin.

Welcome edits in case we missed anything in the energy portfolio.

Ideally I'd like to pull together a 1 pager or a series of graphics but we can work on that after we have the raw data.

This is not urgent but I'd like to have something by next week.

Thanks!

My best,

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(1) Following President Trump's Executive Order on regulatory reform, the Department reduced the semi-annual regulatory agenda by over 50-percent to 133, with 152 withdrawn.

(2) The Department has held more lease sales in the past six months than in the previous year. For context, from January to June of 2016, DOI did \$11.5 million in total receipts for onshore oil and gas. In the same time period this year, we've done \$146 million.

(3) Good neighbor: The Lodgepole Complex Fire recently ripped through Montana, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service worked to open the Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge for Emergency Cattle Grazing – which got very favorable coverage in Montana, and pleased farmers and ranchers previously faced with the grim reality of dead cattle en masse.

First Six Months Accomplishments:

Deregulation: High Level Actions Identified

Topline: Under Trump and Zinke's leadership, the Department of the Interior has suspended, repealed, or will rewrite dozens of regulations that stifle job creation and curb revenues. For example, the Interior ended the moratorium on federal coal mining and identified 152 rules and regulations to withdraw.

- Signed Secretarial Order 3349 that puts the Department on the path to suspend, revise or rescind dozens of regulatory and policy actions from the previous administration.
- Ordered a Departmental review to streamline and prioritize federal land access, energy independence and economic growth.
- Terminated agency efforts to develop dozens of burdensome regulations affecting business, industry, and the public.
- Removed rules that Congress overturned through the Congressional Review Act, including Stream Protection Rule, BLM Planning 2.0, and the Alaska Predator Rule.
- The Bureau of Land Management is proceeding expeditiously with a proposed rule to rescind the final rule entitled Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands. The rule exacts an undue burden on those energy producers who aspire to use fracking in the way of development on federal and Indian lands.
- The Office of Natural Resources Revenue has published a proposed rule to repeal the Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Rule. The rule

raised serious concerns about its negative impact on the coal industry, its governmental overreach, and its costly burden of implementation.

Jumpstarted American Energy Dominance

Topline: The Department of the Interior is in charge of all energy produced on federal lands and waters to include all federal coal, oil, gas, solar, hydro, wind and geothermal plus all offshore oil and gas.

- Commenced a Department-wide review of energy regulations to reduce barriers to development.
- Signed a Secretarial Order to look into a plan for the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) and Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), in the interest of striking a balance between development and conservation.
- Took the first steps in launching our five-year plan to make more areas on the Outer Continental Shelf available for offshore oil and gas development, in accordance with the President’s Executive Order on *Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy*. 94-percent of the Outer Continental Shelf has been off-limits for energy producers, which is stunting growth in the energy sector.
- Opened Cook Inlet, Alaska up for business again, with the first leases awarded in over a decade on June 21, 2017.
- Opened 76 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas exploration and development on July 13, 2017.
- Leased 913,542 offshore acres in the Central Gulf oil and gas generating \$275 million on March 22, 2017.
- Leased Bureau of Land Management coal in Wyoming netting more than \$129 million, which was the second-highest grossing lease sale in the Bureau’s history.
- Leased Bureau of Land Management coal in Utah netting \$22 million and supporting 1,000 local jobs on March 15, 2017.
- Celebrated the initial construction of the Berwind Mine on the border of Virginia and West Virginia, set to create 50 good-paying jobs in places like McDowell County.
- Ended the moratorium on coal-leasing for federal lands, giving the coal industry a much-needed boost.

Prioritized American Infrastructure

Topline: Under President Trump and Secretary Zinke’s leadership, the Department prioritized critical infrastructure projects like pipelines and the National Parks maintenance backlog and ended the taxpayer-funded subsidies to special interest groups known as compensatory mitigation.

- Revoked harmful compensatory mitigation policies (Secretarial Order 3330 from 2013) to enable infrastructure investment.

- Cleared the way for permitting, construction and operation of the KXL and Dakota Access pipeline projects.
- Secretary Zinke visited dozens of parks to prioritize park infrastructure and reduce the maintenance backlog.
- Completed permitting activities for a 713 mile gas pipeline from the Marcellus region (Rover project) comprising a \$4 billion infrastructure investment.
- Resolved conflicts impeding the construction of a Virginia utility power line project (Surry-Skiffes Creek -Wheaton 500 kV utility line) comprising a \$200 million infrastructure investment.

Curbing Abuses of the Antiquities Act

Topline: The Trump Administration is giving a voice to rural America and is in the process of reviewing and rightsizing decades of abuses of executive power and land grabs under the Antiquities Act.

- Toured all major monuments under review, meeting with hundreds of state, local, Tribal, and federal officials, as well as key advocates and stakeholders.
- Secretary Zinke is on track to deliver his recommendations to the President by August 24, as prescribed by Executive Order.
- Received over 2.1 million public comments on the matter, in addition to many written notes to the Department.
- In suggesting modifications to Bears Ears National Monument, Secretary Zinke listened to Tribal voices and recommended co-management.

Promoted Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

Topline: Public lands are meant for public access for economic development, recreation, sportsmen, and conservation. Secretary Zinke announced new initiatives to expand access to public lands while still conserving the land and wildlife.

- During “Made in America” Week, highlighted the American outdoor recreation industry, showcasing “Made in America” products like boats and RVs. The day was marked by the Secretary convening an advisory panel on public-private partnerships for federal land.
- Ended the ban on lead ammo and tackle, so hunting and fishing can again be a sport for all Americans (not just the elite).
- Continued to advocate against the sale or transfer of any public lands.
- Signed a Secretarial Order on Sage-Grouse conservation, strengthening collaboration between the federal government and states.

Took the First Steps to Reorganize Interior

Topline: Following the President's executive order, Secretary Zinke is modernizing the Department of the Interior to push more resources to the front lines and to communities who rely on the Department as a partner for basic infrastructure and economic development.

- Drew a distinction between the last 100 years of the Department, under a structure envisioned by Teddy Roosevelt, and the next 100 years, under a path being presently charted.
- We plan to empower our employees by moving them out of Washington, D.C. and Denver, and into the field.
- We want to give more clear guidance to younger employees on how they can advance their careers at DOI.
- We have to prepare our staff to leverage new technologies and implement them in our parks and on our land.